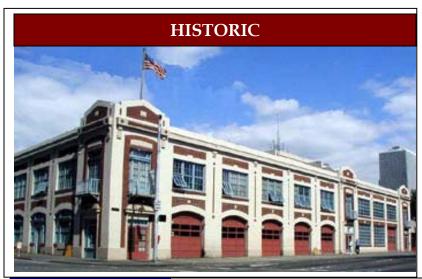
BELLTOWN STATION 2





RENOVATE

Existing Square Footage: Final Square Footage:

18,882 Address: 34,216 Date Built:

2334 Fourth Avenue It: 1918

About the Station:

Station 2 is the oldest working fire station in Seattle. Its core operations include an engine company (E2), a ladder unit (L4), an aid unit (A2), and a medic reserve unit.

In 2002, the station dispatched almost 12,000 units. Of these, about 4,300 were in response to fire calls and about 6,500 were in response to requests for EMT or paramedic assistance. The remaining dispatches responded to a range of other requests, including those for investigations, rescues, or fuel leaks and spills.

The building is in adequate condition despite its age. However, the station fails to meet current standards for seismic safety and many of its building systems (e.g., heating and electrical) are outdated.

What the Plan Would Do:

Although renovations in the late 1980s included some seismic bracing, more structural work is required to bring the station up to current standards. Additional renovations will address the station's other structural and/or systems inadequacies. The plan proposes four other significant changes for Station 2.

First, the full station will be reconfigured to provide capacity to house another medic unit if future demand warrants the service expansion.

Second, the reconfiguring will create space for two more apparatus (a battalion chief unit and battalion chief reserve unit). These two units will be transferred from Station 25, although Station 25 will remain the Battalion II training headquarters.

Third, the building renovation will create space to house one of the City's three new fragmentation caches within Station 2. Each fragmentation cache would be positioned to respond to seismic and

manmade disasters that could isolate certain areas of the city due to bridge damage or debris blockage. Construction of space to house the caches will provide the City with future flexibility to deliver this enhanced service at a minimal up-front capital cost.

Fourth, the City's Fire Alarm Center and Emergency Operations Center, which are currently housed at this station, will be moved to a new site. This transfer will free up space for a new vehicle storage area and a 7,000 square foot wellness and fitness center. The wellness and fitness center, which will provide fitness, enhanced medical services, and behavior modification services for firefighters, will include exam rooms, x-ray and lab space, administrative and physician offices, weight and aerobic rooms, and locker rooms.

All structural modifications planned for Station 2 can be made without altering the historic character of this building. While the station is undergoing renovation, an interim facility will be sited within the neighborhood to provide continuity of fire and medic service until the station project is complete.

Planned Station Features:

Technical Capacities

- Emergency fragmentation cache
- Bay space for seven apparatus
- Battalion chief bay and storage
- Surplus capacity for future medic unit
- Decontamination/clean room
- Maintenance work area, battery charging alcove, and compressor
- Storage for major disaster supplies and EMS equipment
- Hose dryer and storage alcove

Administrative and Crew Areas

- Wellness center
- Secure public lobby
- Station office, including report desk and dispatch counter
- Visitor-accessible unisex restroom
- Beanery kitchen and dining room
- Day room
- Officers' quarters
- Firefighter bunk rooms
- Physical fitness room
- Toilet/shower rooms
- Laundry room

Estimated Cost:

The estimated cost of this station renovation is \$7.4 million and will be funded from a combination of levy proceeds and other fund sources. This amount includes inflation and the cost of an interim facility.